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**NONWORTHY FACTS.**

The best home-made fire-proof safe is a ho-

A case has recently occurred at Goshen, Mass., that seems to confirm the popular belief that beech trees are never struck by lightning. A beech and maple standing near together, with their branches interlocking each other, received a terrific bolt from a passing cloud, which struck the maple and passed into the earth through the trunk of the beech. The maple was reduced to a prostrate hemlock tree lying near, which was stripped of its bark nearly the whole length. No trace of the lightning was left upon the beech.

tends that the time is not far distant when a neat cattle will be bred without horns. If it tends that the expense of repairing the injury done by the horns of cattle, the additional shed and stable room required by horned cattle, and the expense of growing, warming, and carrying around the horns—the horns are mere overhead weight and the expense of horns upon full-grown cattle, will be found to be not a fraction of a dollar, but dollars for each head.

The tunnel work under the English channel is in a fair way to be commenced. According to skillful engineers, it will not prove such a difficult task as might be imagined. The excavations will be for the most part, pass through a chalk formation, which is easily worked. Two railway tracks will be laid in the tunnel, and the business of the little channel steamers will be an end.

little deadly news item, that the Kropatchef rifle, with which the Austrian army will probably be armed, fires fifteen shots in ten seconds and has a mechanism with two short movements, so simple that it can be set in motion even by fingers numbed with cold.

What indicates the coming homogeneity of our large country as much as the growing unity of religion, is the unity of fashion. There are no blackwoods, bonnets and dresses any more. The fashions fall all over like the light and the rain. The city bells set forth with a new Hoo-

son hat on her lofty head, and with her two shades of silk drawn tight across her divine form, and in this matchless style she goes out to the backwoods church and Zion! the country girls are all there in the same turn up of a hat and with dresses drawn just as tightly across the walking machinery of the human form. Thus caste is destroyed, he and the boys and girls are all one. The vanity of the city is matched by the vanity of the farm house.

contains all the appliances for performing the most realistic music, having a wooden barrel, or drum, filled with beans or the like, that, by the action of the bellows, is made to revolve and produce what is known as "rain" in our theatres. This machinery was prepared at considerable expense.

"Puts" and "calls" may be properly defined thus: You put your money in the hands of a broker for the purpose of speculation, and call for the profits in vain.

A negro being asked what he was in jail for, said it was for borrowing money. "But," said the questioner, "they don't put people in jail for borrowing money." "Yes," said the darky, "but I had to knock de man down free or for times before he would lend it to me."

Sydney Smith tells of a maid who used to beat the eggs for her master's watch; but one day he could not find her because it was under repair, so she took the time from the kitchen clock, and the eggs came up nearly raw. "What didn't you take the time from?"

The distinguished professor was in Leinburg or a wet Sany not long ago, and desiring to go to church he took a cab. (On reaching the church door he tendered a shilling legal fare - to cabby, but was a little taken aback when cabby with stern solemnity said: "Two shillin, sir." The professor, if he has not the Naitatarianism, is, had at any rate, the "canniness" of the Kesh.)

Charles Lamb, when speaking of one of his rides on horseback, remarked that "all at once his horse stopped, but he kept right on."

tion: "That's boy, where did the wise men come from?" "From Boston," was the natural reply.

When Mr. Ward became Viscount Dudley and Ward and took possession of the family estates he suffered much embarrassment from an overgrown fortune. He one day described this embarrassment in very graphic terms. "When I came to my estate," he said, "I resolved to send my whole nation within the year. With that view I purchased the estate of Ednam, in Scotland; I bought a library of 10,000 volumes; I

A youthful clergyman, who recently went forth to enlighten the ignorant, while dealing with the parable of the Prodigal Son, was anxious to show how dearly the parent loved his child. Drawing himself together, and putting on his most sober looks, he dilated at length on the killing of the fattest calf. The climax was:

As follows: "Shouldn't wonder if the father had kept that calf for years, awaiting the return of his son." Mr. Moody can equal this. And one of his "Bible lessons" in the Third Presbyterian Church, three or four years ago, he discussed the fight of David with Goliath. In speaking of the wonderful achievement of the former, he said: "The Israelites did not select a veteran or a tried man of war, for their champion, but a mere youth, a stripling, a shepherd's boy, who had never, probably, fired a gun in his life."—Chicago Standard.

**ASIATIC PROVERBS.**

The well-known warning not to look a gift horse in the mouth has its equivalent in Badaga, one of the Indian languages, "If any one offers you a buffalo, do not ask if she gives milk," and the Malayali rendering of "a burnt child dreads the fire" is identical with the corresponding French proverb, "A scalded cat fears cold water," while the Hindi version is very picturesque.

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While the sacred, warning not to cast pearls before swine is not a paraphrase by the Christian. What is the use in reading the Vedas to a wild bull?











